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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims (~~striketrough~~ indicating deletion and underline indicating insertion) as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Amended) A food dispenser comprising:

an enclosed container comprising a top portion, a base portion and a central portion intermediately therebetween, said top portion and said base portion each comprising a selectively openable and returnably resilient aperture for insertion and removal of food;

said top portion comprising a perimeter encircling a concavity, said concavity housing said aperture in said top portion;

a plurality of ribs positioned on said container, said plurality of ribs provided for facilitating selective opening of at least one of said apertures; and

at least one item of food stored within said container, said at least one item of food capable of being inserted into said container and removed therefrom through at least one of said apertures.

4. (Amended) A food dispenser comprising:

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an enclosed container comprising a top portion, a base portion and a central portion intermediately therebetween, said top portion and said base portion each comprising selectively openable and returnably resilient aperture for insertion and removal of food;

said top portion comprising a perimeter encircling a concavity, said concavity housing said aperture in said top portion, said perimeter comprising a relatively planar configuration for placement of said top portion in a free standing position;

a plurality of ribs positioned on said container, said plurality of ribs provided for facilitating selective opening of at least one of said apertures; and

at least one item of food stored within said container, said at least one item of food capable of being inserted into said container and removed therefrom through at least one of said apertures.

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16. (Amended) A food dispenser comprising:

an enclosed container comprising a top portion, a base portion and a central portion intermediately therebetween, said top portion and said base portion each comprising a selectively openable and returnably resilient aperture for insertion and removal of food;

said top portion having a perimeter encircling a concavity housing said aperture in said top portion; and

at least one item of food stored within said container, said at least one item of food capable of being inserted into said container and removed therefrom through at least one of said apertures.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Amended) The food dispenser as in Claim 3, 4 or 16, wherein said base portion comprises a perimeter encircling a concavity, said concavity housing said aperture in said base portion.

20. (Amended) The food dispenser of Claim 19, wherein said perimeter of said base portion comprises a relatively planar configuration for placement of said base portion in a free standing position.

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30. (Newly Added) The food dispenser as in claims 3, 4 or 16, wherein said central portion comprises a front wall and a rear wall opposite said front wall, and opposing lateral sides therebetween, said central portion tapered from a wide width adjacent to said top portion to a narrow width adjacent to said base portion.
21. (Amended) The food dispenser as in Claim 3; or 4 or 16, wherein said central portion comprises a front wall and a rear wall opposite said front wall, and opposing lateral sides therebetween, said central portion tapered from a wide width adjacent to said top portion to a narrow width adjacent to said base portion.
22. (Previously Presented) The food dispenser of Claim 21, wherein said ribs are formed on said lateral sides adjacent said aperture operating in conjunction with said top portion to selectively said aperture in said top portion.
23. (Previously Presented) The food dispenser of Claim 21, wherein said ribs are formed on said lateral sides adjacent said aperture operating in conjunction with said base portion to selectively said aperture in said base portion.
24. (Previously Presented) The food dispenser of Claim 3, 4 or 16, further comprising means for securing said dispenser to an object to facilitate transport of said dispenser.

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25. (Canceled)

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27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The food dispenser of Claim 3, 4 or 16, wherein said dispenser is fabricated from a relatively soft, pliable polymeric material.